

2011 LANGLEY GARDEN CLUB

Dear Gardeners,

These are the latest guidelines and rules that we have for the garden club. If you have any concerns or suggestions for improvement please let me know via email. This document also contains the combination to the equipment shed.

This year we are going to be required, as being part of a federal agency, to reduce water consumption. (Executive order 13423 requires federal agencies to reduce water consumption 2% annually from FY2008 to FY2015 compared with FY2007 baseline.) Greg Hajos is currently working this issue in terms of what agreement we will make, monitoring and how it will be enforced. We expect additional rules governing water use to be distributed in the next month. Meanwhile, we are asking gardeners this year to use more conservative watering techniques, such as:

- Point-of-use watering techniques (drip irrigation, soaker hoses, olla pot irrigation). Sprinklers spray into the air, wasting water through evaporation.
- Mulching to reduce evaporation
- Water in the early morning or late afternoon to reduce evaporation
- Zone planting – plants with similar water requirements are grouped together for more efficient watering. Plants that require once/week watering should be planted in one zone, plants that require twice weekly watering in another zone, plants that require daily watering in a separate zone

If there is any trouble with the power equipment, or any other issues, please let myself or Jim Bartlett (jimbartt@peoplepc.com, mechanical committee) know via email. Please, do not assume that we are aware of any problems, since neither of us use the club equipment much ourselves. Ed Generazio (edward.r.generazio@nasa.gov, amenities committee), is the person to contact if you have issues with the shed, hand tools and grounds. The sooner you let us know of any problems, the sooner we can find a solution.

If you have made any repairs, or incurred expenses for the Garden Club yourself, please let us know so that we can reimburse you for your expenses – and so that one of us on the service committees do not go out to make the repairs, or ask someone else to do so, if it already has been resolved.

If you see a plot marked “vacant” and would like to also cultivate that plot, or move to that plot in place of the one you are assigned, let me know. (see attached plot diagram)

Happy Gardening!

Greg Buck
Garden Club President 2011

EQUIPMENT

Please check the oil levels in the tillers and mower each time before starting. Please keep them lubricated. Oil and gas are provided by the club and can be found on a shelf or floor of the shed. Also, don't make any adjustments to the carburetor fuel-air settings or to non-control mechanisms.

Please don't use the tillers if the soil is wet enough to form clumps as you till. It causes excessive wear on the equipment drive systems, and only produces clods of dirt that will be difficult to break up when they dry.

GARDEN CLUB RULES

- **You are responsible for cleaning the tiller tines before returning it. It's really annoying to have to remove the stuff that somebody else got tangled on the tines and axle.** There are scissors located on the shelf in the shed, which helps in this process.
- Borders between plots should be kept clean and clear of any plantings. A border width of 18" on each plot is suggested, but may be negotiated with your border neighbor. Also, please do not use high fences or trellises at the edges of your plots as these may shadow your neighbor's plants.
- Any plot that has not been prepared and planted by May 15 will be made available to people on the waiting list.
- You are responsible for weed control in your plot. Weeds that mature and set seeds will continue to be a problem year after year.
- Members can cultivate vacant plots for free. PLEASE send me a note of your intention to cultivate a vacant lot to prevent someone else from plowing and planting over your seeds. You are responsible for keeping the grass/weeds trimmed in any walkway(s) that are adjacent to your plot(s).
- Hoses are the property and responsibility of individual gardeners. When not in use, disconnect hoses from the spigots so the grounds people can mow close to the outside plot boundary.
- Don't use other people's hoses or sprinklers without getting their permission. It can be annoying to have to reposition sprinklers and adjust their settings after someone else uses it without permission.
- Put stones and debris in garbage cans by the shed. Please do not pile stones in your plot as it presents a damaging obstacle in the Spring when we plow.
- Do not use Sevin, Malathion, etc. on a plant that is in bloom. The NASA Apiary Club beehives are located in the woods adjacent to the garden.

LOCK COMBINATION: 16 -9 -25

- Turn the dial **counterclockwise** for several complete revolutions, stopping on **16**.
- Turn the dial **clockwise**, past **9** twice, stopping on the number the third time.
- Turn the dial **counterclockwise**, past **25** once, stopping on the number the second time.
- Turn the dial **clockwise** to **0**.
- Pull firmly on the lock to open it.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Cultivation (*herbicide&fallow, clean-up, brushhog, plow&disc, boxtill, staking*)

-- overseen by Pres.

Mechanical (*conex trailer, tiller-mower-trimmer repair, maintenance, fuel&oil&string*)

-- lead Jim Bartlett, jimbartt@peoplepc.com

Amenities (*shed, hand tools, hydrants, trash bins, composting*)

-- lead Ed Generazio, edward.r.generazio@nasa.gov

Membership (*new members, plot assignments, rules enforcement, passlist, 6-mo badges*)

-- overseen by Pres.

Newsletter (*website, emails*) -- overseen by Pres.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Rules (*new water use, monitoring and regulation*) -- being developed by V. Pres.

Pest Control (*deer, racoons, ??, coordinated insect & weed eradication*)

-- Need a new deer Czar – no actions planned this year

Activities (*afterwork picnics, community work, ??*) -- No committee as yet

Grounds Improvement (*shed replacement/repair*) – no actions planned this year

OFFICERS

President – Greg Buck

Vice President – Greg Hajos